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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that you make the following amendment prior to examination of the subject application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 23 as follows:

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23. (Amended) Pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 wherein the inulin is chicory inulin with a [(DP)] (DP) ranging from about 10 to about 30, or oligofructose with a [DP] (DP) ranging from 2 to 7 and containing about 5 wt% in total of glucose, fructose and sucrose.

REMARKS

Claim 23 has been amended to correct an obvious clerical error. No new matter has been entered. Examination of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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